

## Prayers of the People for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, in your mercy,” “Hear our prayer.”

Lord, we pray that your church would reach the broken, the broken-hearted, those who have lost faith or hope, and those who need to know they are loved. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We ask you to raise up deacons in your church, people who will lead us in reaching out to the poor. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We ask that you would intervene in the nations in the world, especially in Gaza and Israel. Turn hearts toward you and toward compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We seek your goodness for this nation as we approach election time. Alleviate fear, and calm the anger of so many with your goodness and love. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We ask your provision for us and all in this community. For those facing financial difficulties, provide daily. For our church’s own financial struggles, give us what we need to continue to do your work in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

*Hear our prayer.*

We always ask your mercy on those who suffer. [intentional, long pause] Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died in faith. May they continue in your presence and rise again in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*